RECEIVED and FILED by the NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS On this date of;

MATTHEW J. PLATKIN
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY
Division of Law
124 Halsey Street, 5th Floor
P.O. Box 45029
Newark, New Jersey 07101

By: Pavithra Angara
Deputy Attorney General
Tel. (973) 648-3453
Pavithra.angara@law.njoag.gov
Attorney ID: 001702012

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE OF:

Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

EHREN SETH YABLON, B.V.M.S. License No. 29VI00522400

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of several complaints alleging that Ehren Seth Yablon, B.V.M.S., License No. 29VI00522400 ("Respondent"), delivered poor and inadequate treatment to several patients resulting in their untimely deaths, misdiagnosed conditions, failed to appropriately treat patients diagnosed with parvovirus, failed to perform pre-surgical bloodwork, and concealed the fact that a patient had died prior to a scheduled procedure. Based on these allegations, on July 19, 2021, Enforcement Bureau ("EB") investigators performed an

inspection of Respondent's office and found the office to be unsanitary, disorganized, and dirty. Medications, including Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS"), were expired and stored improperly; medical waste, including sharps containers, were accumulating; rodent feces were present in the facility; and a dead cat was observed in a crate on top of a freezer. On April 20, 2022, EB investigators performed a repeat inspection of Respondent's office and found the office to be in a continued disorganized and dirty condition with improperly stored and expired medications, including CDS, as well as the continued accumulation of medical waste, including sharps containers.

On April 25, 2022, the Attorney General filed an Order to Show Cause and Verified Complaint seeking the temporary suspension of Respondent's veterinary license. The Order to Show Cause is scheduled to be heard before the Board on May 11, 2022.

Additionally, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office ("ECPO") began their own investigation of Respondent's veterinary practice. The ECPO's investigation ultimately resulted in the filing of a criminal complaint charging Respondent with multiple violations of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17, Animal cruelty; N.J.S.A. 4:22-22, Offering Diseased Animal for Sale; and N.J.S.A. 2C:20-8, Theft by deception. The criminal matter is currently pending and no plea agreement, findings of fact or conclusions of law have yet been rendered regarding that matter.

As set forth in the Verified Complaint, the Attorney General's allegations include gross and/or repeated acts of negligence, malpractice, or incompetence; repeated acts of professional misconduct, and a failure to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the Board, all in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c), (d), (e), and (h).

It appearing that Respondent has read the terms of the within Interim Consent Order and understands their meaning and effect and agrees to be bound by same, without making any admissions and without prejudice as to Respondent's ability to defend himself against any actions brought based upon the above allegations, and the Board finding the within interim disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and further finding that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order;

IT IS, therefore, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 ORDERED and AGREED that:

1. Ehren Seth Yablon, B.V.M.S. is hereby granted leave to, and shall, immediately surrender his license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey. Such surrender will be deemed a temporary suspension of his license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey pending the disposition of the criminal charges and further Order of the Board, with such temporary suspension to be in effect for one year, at

which time Respondent, through his attorney, shall communicate with the assigned Deputy Attorney General to determine whether to execute another Interim Consent Order of Temporary Suspension, or schedule a temporary suspension hearing before the Board. This Order shall, however, remain in effect until the outcome of the scheduled temporary suspension hearing, or upon entry of a subsequent order(s).

- 2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Interim Consent Order, forward his veterinary medical license, both wallet and wall versions, to Joanne Magrath, Executive Director of the Board, at 124 Halsey Street, Post Office Box 45020, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a licensed veterinarian in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.
- 4. Respondent shall not enter the premises of his veterinary medical practices during business hours, or when patients may be present. For 30 days following the entry of this Interim Consent Order, Respondent may enter his former veterinary medical practices outside of business hours and when patients are not present for the sole purposes of winding down his practice, including transferring patients to other veterinarians.
  - 5. Respondent shall not charge, receive, or share in any

fee for professional services rendered by others. Respondent shall be permitted to collect accounts receivable with respect to professional services that he rendered prior to the entry of this Interim Consent Order.

- 6. Within ten days of the entry of this Interim Consent Order, Respondent shall notify Joanne Magrath, Executive Director of the Board, at 124 Halsey Street, Post Office Box 45020, Newark, New Jersey 07101 as to where his patient records are secured and how his patient's owners may obtain them.
- With the consent of the Director of the Division of 7. Consumer Affairs, and pursuant to his authority under N.J.S.A. et. seq., Respondent hereby agrees 24:21-9 surrender his New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") registration, Number: D09272400, pending further Order of the The action of the voluntary surrender of Respondent's CDS registration is independent of any action taken by the State Examiners, Drug Enforcement Veterinary Medical Board οf Administration or any other licensing authority. If Respondent's veterinary medical license is reinstated by the Board, he may seek an order from the Director reinstating his CDS registration. Director will consider the factors enumerated in N.J.S.A. 24:21-11 and determine, in his sole discretion, if, and under what Respondent's CDS the reinstatement of NJ circumstances, registration should be granted.

- The entry of the within Interim Consent Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing veterinary medicine practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, the allegations set forth in the Verified Complaint.
- The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this interis Consent Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of the Interim Consent Order, the Board reserves the right to bring disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

W. Logan VMD Mark W. Logan, V.M.D. Board President

i have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Ehren Seth Pablon, B.V.M.S.

Consent as to form and entry.

Patricia Holden

Date: 5/9/2022

Patricia Holden, Esq. Counsel for Respondent